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Clairton Municipal Authority One North State Street Clairton, PA 15025

Re: Sewage

Clairton Sewage Treatment Plant NPDES Permit No. PA0026824

APS I.D. No. 608985 City of Clairton Allegheny County

Dear Authority Members:

Your permit is enclosed. Review it carefully, with special attention to the effluent limitations, monitoring requirements, and other requirements in Part C of the permit.

Please note that the enclosed NPDES permit does not contain testing and reporting requirements for oil and gas wastewaters. The Department issued an Administrative Order on October 23, 2008 that restricts the volume of oil and gas wastewater the Authority may accept and is waiting for the treatability study that demonstrates the impact of that wastewater on the treatment process. We cannot approve acceptance of the oil and gas wastewater until the study is completed and the NPDES application is revised to reflect your intention to accept and treat the oil and gas wastewater.

If the Authority decides to accept oil and gas wastewater, please be aware that due to the conditions of the Monongahela River, we expect to amend the NPDES permit by imposing an average monthly TDS limitation of 500 mg/l which is essentially the streams criteria, and condition the permit to include an EPA approved pretreatment plan. Furthermore, the Department will likely require some technology standard yet to be determined.

A Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) and Supplemental Reporting forms are included. The master DMR will be prepared and distributed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in the near future. Use the enclosed DMR Form until you receive a master from EPA. The reporting forms must be submitted to the Department and the EPA Regional Office as instructed in the permit and the enclosed Instruction Sheet.

We would like to bring your attention to the Department's new electronic DMR (eDMR) program. The program can be addressed through the internet at www.dep.state.pa.us/edmr and can be used in lieu of paper DMR and supplemental report submissions. Please find enclosed additional information concerning eDMR. We highly encourage your participation in this program. Please direct any questions to the contacts listed on the eDMR fact sheet.

An Annual Inspection Form Applicable to your Storm Water Discharges is included with your permit. This form is to be completed on an annual basis, kept on site and made available upon request as part of the PPC Plan for a least one year after coverage under this permit terminates.

Also attached for your use is a form titled "Combined Sewer Overflow Discharge Monitoring Report". In accordance with Page 2b of your permit, the monitoring data for your combined sewers shall be recorded on this form, and submitted monthly with the DMR for your treatment plant.

Any person aggrieved by this action may appeal, pursuant to Section 4 of the Environmental Hearing Board Act, 35 P.S. Section 7514, and the Administrative Agency Law, 2 Pa. C.S. Chapter 5A, to the Environmental Hearing Board, Second Floor, Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market Street, PO Box 8457, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8457, 717-787-3483. TDD users may contact the Board through the Pennsylvania Relay Service, 800-654-5984. Appeals must be filed with the Environmental Hearing Board within 30 days of receipt of written notice of this action unless the appropriate statute provides a different time period. Copies of the appeal form and the Board's rules of practice and procedure may be obtained from the Board. The appeal form and the Board's rules of practice and procedure are also available in braille or on audiotape from the Secretary to the Board at 717-787-3483. This paragraph does not, in and of itself, create any right of appeal beyond that permitted by applicable statutes and decisional law.

IF YOU WANT TO CHALLENGE THIS ACTION, YOUR APPEAL MUST REACH THE BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS. YOU DO NOT NEED A LAWYER TO FILE AN APPEAL WITH THE BOARD.

IMPORTANT LEGAL RIGHTS ARE AT STAKE, HOWEVER, SO YOU SHOULD SHOW THIS DOCUMENT TO A LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD A LAWYER, YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR FREE PRO BONO REPRESENTATION. CALL THE SECRETARY TO THE BOARD (717-787-3483) FOR MORE INFORMATION.

If you have any questions, please call me at 412-442-4056.

Sincerely,

David R. Porchon

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Enclosures

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